

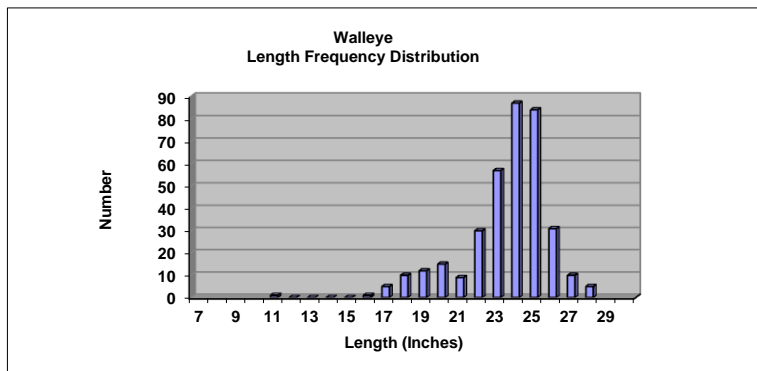


**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET
BALSAM LAKE, POLK COUNTY, 2014**

The WDNR conducted a fisheries assessment of Balsam Lake, Polk County, from April 30, 2014 to May 05, 2014. Balsam Lake is a 2054 acre drainage lake in the St. Croix River basin and has a maximum depth of 37 feet. The fishery includes panfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, muskellunge and walleye. Balsam Lake was estimated to contain 716 fish or 0.3 walleye per acre. The walleye fishery is supported primarily through stocking.



Walleye	
Total Captured	357
Avg. Length (in.)	23.5
Length Range (in.)	11-28
% >15"	99.7%



We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Balsam Lake this year. Creel clerk Harry Johns will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
2012	WALLEYE	93,480	2
2010	WALLEYE	40,785	2
2010	WALLEYE	479	5
2008	WALLEYE	71,872	1
2008	WALLEYE	36,503	2
2006	WALLEYE	20,538	7
2004	WALLEYE	42,695	3
2004	WALLEYE	18,853	6

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/>

General Fishing Regulations for Balsam Lake, Polk County, 2014

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 03-March 01	3	15" MINIMUM
Largemouth Bass	May 03-March 01	5*	NO MINIMUM
Smallmouth Bass	May 03-March 01	5*	NO MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 24-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 03-March 01	2	26" MINIMUM

*During harvest season for each species; you are allowed a daily bag limit of five largemouth or smallmouth bass in total.

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

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To access other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov> and search Ceded Territory Fisheries Reports

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